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We delivered reftel points and a copy of the Department's press release to Darius Staniulis, Head of the MFA's Human Rights and NGOs Division, on September 4. He agreed that the situation was unfortunate and said he would discuss the issue with his colleagues in the MFA and with contacts in the EU. He anticipated that the GOL would not make any statement on its own, but would support any EU statement. LEADER